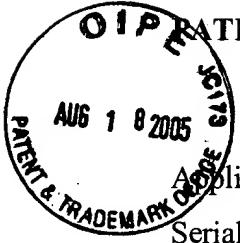


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Sir:

This amendment is a reply to the Office Action mailed on April 14, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. The time set for filing a response to the Office Action expired on July 14, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time and enclose the requisite fee. Accordingly, the time for responding to the April 14th Office Action now expires on August 14, 2005. Because August 14th falls on Sunday, the reply is due the next business day – namely, Monday, August 15, 2005 – and this reply is timely filed.

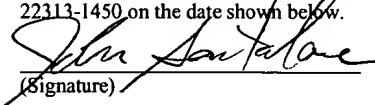
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